

2019



THANK YOU

A GREAT CITY DESERVES A GREAT ZOO

Your Birmingham Zoo is an incredible organization supported by phenomenal people — our dedicated staff and volunteers, Board of Directors, donors, valued Zoo members, and the community. Thank you for making 2019 a successful year of historic transformation. You play an important role in making our mission possible, and I am proud of what we have achieved through decades of hard work and commitment. Guests from all over the world walk through the Zoo's paths, meeting over 580 wildlife ambassadors from six continents.

Our Zoo family grew bigger this year when we welcomed two young male African elephants, Luti and Gadze. Ages 9 and 10, both bulls came to us from San Diego Zoo Safari Park and joined our older resident male African elephant, Bulwagi (age 38). Both boys spent the remainder of the year getting acclimated to their new home, exploring the habitat, and settling into the only all-male African elephant herd in North America.

Our vision to conserve wildlife and wild places is what fuels our dedication to preserving endangered and vulnerable species. We take pride in being part of the global conservation effort by institutions accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) to ensure animals of various species will survive into the future. A portion of each admission ticket and Zoo membership goes toward conservation, and every visitor is an important asset in conserving species locally in our own backyard — and around the world.

We started the summer season with the completion of our striking new entrance and expansive Hugh Kaul Plaza overlooking Henley Park. On June 27, hundreds of supporters and friends of the Zoo attended our Ribbon Cutting Dedication for Phase II of the Renew the Zoo Capital Campaign. I was honored to have Birmingham Mayor Randall Woodfin speak and cut the ceremonial ribbon, along with Robert Aland (Zoo Board Chair), Cissy Jackson (former Zoo Board Chair and Counsel to the Office of Senator Doug Jones), and F. Dixon Brooke, Jr. (Renew the Zoo Capital Campaign Chair). The dedication officially welcomed our guests to a new and unique experience.

Your Zoo has become one of the region's most visited and beloved cultural institutions. Every year, over a half million guests enjoy the Birmingham Zoo. Many of them visit for the first time. Many of them return again and again, bringing family and friends. Many of them become supporters, donors, and valued members. Our organization has been a staple in the lives of families spanning multiple generations.

The strength of the Birmingham Zoo's legacy is unparalleled. We continue to offer new programming and added experiences that make our Zoo a top destination throughout the year. Our annual report provides a snapshot into the memorable moments, animals, and people that make your Zoo thrive. Turn the page to read our stories, learn about our passions, and reimagine the future of your Zoo.

The potential for your organization is truly unlimited. I ask for your continued support in moving the Birmingham Zoo boldly and confidently forward in this tradition of excellence for another 64 years. Your Zoo's accomplishments would not be possible without your unwavering dedication and endless encouragement. I look forward to working together in the coming year to find new ways to expand partnerships and programs that impact our community, forever Inspiring Passion to Conserve the Natural World.

Chris Pfefferkorn
President & CEO

Front cover: Bulwagi (middle), the reigning bull of the African elephant bachelor herd, watches over new arrivals Luti (left) and Gadze (right). Photo courtesy of Gianna Quarello, Zoo volunteer. Below L to R: Farley the California sea lion, Khan the jaguar, rainbow lorikeets, and Thor the dwarf Nigerian goat.



THE NUMBERS

565,087
visitors at the Zoo

195
SPECIES



46



animal ambassadors

ZooGala

\$457,000

RECORD BREAKING



581
ANIMALS



students
reached

73,939

zoo members



107,106

VOLUNTEERS

243



7 STRAIGHT
YEARS!



31,325
GUESTS VISITED
Giraffe Encounter

volunteer
31,755 HOURS

new animal arrivals

47



3rd straight year!



Madagascar

444

HISSING COCKROACHES



73,147

people reached by
ANIMAL AMBASSADORS

\$150,375

in money, time & field research
FOR CONSERVATION



158

SENSORY
BAGS

checked out

INSPIRING PASSION TO CONSERVE THE NATURAL WORLD

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Bulwagi, the Zoo's presiding African bull elephant at 38 years of age, took on two new students — Lutsandvo and Ingadze, affectionately called Luti and Gadze (right). The two younger males arrived from San Diego Zoo Safari Park to join the unique bachelor herd at Birmingham Zoo on a recommendation from the Species Survival Plan (SSP). The move enables them to watch and learn from the larger and older Bulwagi, a crucial mentoring step in their becoming mature bull elephants.

Luti, 9, and Gadze, 10, are approaching puberty, which is the optimum age to separate from their maternal herd and become part of an all-male group, as they would in the wild. Their absence from their former herd in San Diego allows those females to focus on the younger calves in their care.

The Zoo's bachelor herd of African elephants remains the only one in the country, and an important part of the global elephant conservation effort by AZA-accredited zoos to ensure the survival of this endangered species.



Above, the two young African elephants, Luti and Gadze, in their new home at the Zoo. On the facing page L to R: reigning bull Bulwagi; Luti and Gadze enjoying a mud bath; and 18-year-old Callee, who was under the tutelage of Bulwagi for eight years. Earlier in the year, Callee moved on to a breeding herd in Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo where he will help produce calves among the five resident females.



STORIES

Flying High

Moving day for golden eagles Zeagle and Phoenix meant a new expanded habitat in the Alabama Wilds. The two raptors came under the care of the Zoo through a partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to house non-releasable eagles. The habitat’s new signage goes beyond eagle facts to enlighten guests on how human choices impact animals, such as recommending that hunters in the forests of Alabama use copper bullets rather than lead to prevent poisoning these majestic birds and other species that can ingest lead shrapnel in unretrieved game. Special thanks to the Zoo’s Junior Board, Zekelman Foundation, and the Walker Area Community Foundation for their support of the new habitat.

Never Before

For the first time, the Zoo now houses a pair of red-crested turacos. The national bird of Angola, these birds display beautifully subtle rainbow colors over their bodies, and make calls that sound somewhat like a monkey.

Ambassador Gilligan

Gilligan the American alligator joined the Zoo’s Ambassador Animal team. Now, he can walk onto the stage and show groups how the Endangered Species Act’s conservation efforts restored his species, which was once in decline. Gilligan also educates on the importance of apex predators (those at the top of their food chain), as well as their role as a keystone species on which others in their ecosystem largely depend.

L to R: Gilligan the American alligator; a red-crested turaco; and Zeagle and Phoenix the golden eagles.



BIRDS OF A FEATHER

The American flamingos are enjoying an enormous upgrade at the habitat that these 22 genteel birds call home. The Zoo Junior Board’s ‘Tails in the Trails’ event funded the specially designed renovation that resembles the birds’ native lagoons and mudflats with an expanded beach and room for them to breed and build their foot-high mud nests. The area also includes an indoor space where the flamingos can shelter in inclement weather.

A GRAND ENTRANCE

After five years of design and construction, the Zoo's striking new entrance opened in June, offering an expansive welcome experience for guests. This second phase of the Zoo's \$18+ million capital campaign replaces old structures with a two-story educational and administration complex, two breathtaking plazas, natural play areas, and an event lawn.

The beauty and versatility of the Hugh Kaul Plaza, Altec/Styslinger Learning Center, Wells Fargo Overlook, and board room are aimed at enticing the community to host its own celebrations on Zoo grounds — such as weddings and corporate gatherings — exposing even more people to the Zoo's mission. For educational outreach, the Altec/Styslinger Learning Center provides a setting for introducing more audiences to the Zoo's many species and conservation efforts.

The transformation also expands ticket-booth capacity to better manage the growing influx of visitors, and modernizes the gift shop, membership office, and first-aid station. The remaining phase of the Renew the Zoo campaign will create the Asian Passage habitat to house species such as the Sumatran orangutan, red panda, Komodo dragon, and Malayan tiger.



CONSERVATION

bird collision research

For the second year, Jessie Griswold in the Animal Health Center is assessing avian mortality from window strikes in Birmingham on migratory and year-round bird populations in urban areas.

black-footed ferret

Animal Care Professional Sam Cohen traveled to the Louisville Zoo Conservation Center's large black-footed ferret colony to study the birthing season of this species that was previously on the brink of extinction.



golden eagle

Amy Trousdale in the Children's Zoo joined the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries to tag golden eagles in the eastern U.S. with transmitters that provide data about their habits and migration. The Zoo also helps fund the purchase of the transmitters.

serving green

Bridget Weidner of the Animal Health Center worked to make the Zoo's Nourish 205 one of the first restaurants in Alabama to earn Green Restaurant Certification by adjusting the types of waste produced.

cotton top tamarin

A female cotton top tamarin, Lena, arrived from Texas to pair and breed with the Zoo's male, Adam.



wolf

Tiffany McClendon traveled to Missouri to work with the Endangered Wolf Center on bridging the gap between people and wolves through conservation education.



giraffe

The Zoo's Kiwanis Giraffe Encounter generated \$800 for the Giraffe Conservation Foundation. This will help the Operation Twiga Tracker program collar 250 giraffe across Africa to better understand their movements.

gorillas, rhinos & elephants

The Zoo gave more than \$32,000 in direct cash contributions to partner conservation organizations to protect rhinos, gorillas, and elephants in Africa.



west african black-crowned cranes

A pair of West African black-crowned cranes hatched in May. These were the first hatches of this species at the Zoo in more than 20 years.



pallas' cat

In preparation for breeding season, Pallas' cats Mischa and Bataar were successfully introduced after extensive preparation.



pallas' cat

Scott Kayser in the Predator Department returned to Mongolia to expand work with the renowned Dr. Bariushaa Munkhtsog on Pallas' cats, a near-threatened species.



chipangali large carnivore project

The Zoo maintains a strong relationship with the nonprofit Chipangali Wildlife Orphanage in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, with Zoo President and CEO Chris Pfefferkorn serving on the board of directors. The orphanage rescues and cares for orphaned, injured, abandoned, abused, or confiscated Southern African wild animals. Zoo staff works on the Chipangali Large Carnivore project, conducting biodiversity studies on leopards and brown hyena populations near Matopos National Park.



elephant

Callee, the Zoo's 18-year-old African bull elephant, moved to Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium to join its breeding herd.



black-footed cat

The Zoo's two black-footed cats, Rhaegal and Conan, were successfully introduced, with the aim of increasing their species' vastly diminished population.



laughing kookaburra

The Zoo conducted sexing of their kookaburra's eggs via blood draws in search of females to offset the heavily male-skewed population in zoos.



southern cassowary

A keystone species in the Australian rainforest, this bird is increasingly threatened by human disturbance. Carrie Brooks in the Education Department worked with a team to develop a device discouraging them from approaching roadways.



KEY



Species Survival Plan® (SSP) program



Passion into Conservation Action (PiCA) program



indicates the native range of the species

HIGHLIGHTS

A Zoo for All

The Zoo made great strides in 2019 toward ensuring more access and a fun experience for guests who have disabilities. A new Sensory Room near the entrance provides a calming environment for those with sensory processing needs, along with weighted lap pads, noise-canceling headphones, fidget tools, and designated quiet zones. Visually-impaired guests are presented with a V.I.P. (Visually Inclusive Program) bag that includes objects to touch, hear, or smell, all correlated to habitats, along with the option of interacting with tactile exhibits throughout the grounds. The Zoo offers accessible pathways, restaurants, restrooms, train and carousel rides, and parking. To provide even greater access, automatic doors have been added to several buildings.

Better Equipped

The Zoo’s beloved 15-year-old lion, Kwanza, was the first animal to receive cold laser therapy at the Zoo from the latest acquisition in the Veterinary Department’s arsenal of care, thanks to generous gifts from Jefferson County and the Jefferson County Veterinary Association. The laser treatments ease pain without the use of drugs, making it a valuable piece of equipment for the more than 580 animals under the Zoo’s stewardship. In addition to the laser, the funding covered a new hospital van, blood gas analyzer, surgical equipment, and a dental radiograph system.

Testing the Waters

The Zoo worked on the Alabama Water Watch project with the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. Teachers were trained to guide students in performing citizen science tests on area water sources. The Zoo’s Education

Department staff also learned to test water throughout the Zoo to measure its impact on area waterways. Test results from both the students and staff were entered into a statewide database.

Breaking Records

Held on the new Hugh Kaul Plaza, ZooGala 2019 topped all prior fundraising efforts, raising \$457,000 for educational programming and animal care. IBERIABANK sponsored the elegant gathering for the 10th consecutive year. The “South American Sizzle ‘n’ Samba”-themed event was co-chaired by Jayna Goedecke, Amanda Hawkins, and Stewart Jones, while Amanda Davis acted as the ZooGala advisor. Honorary chairs Phyllis and Larry Wojciechowski thrilled attendees by announcing their surprise \$50,000 ZooGala gift, as well as \$25,000 to support the Zoo’s PiCA (Passion into Conservation Action) program. Plans are underway to re-envision the 2020 event as ZooRendezvous in celebration of the Zoo’s 65th anniversary.

Dedication

The astounding 31,755 hours graciously given by the 243 community volunteer members last year ensured the Zoo’s crucial role continued in the city of Birmingham. Adult volunteer Eric Simons logged 437 hours to emerge as the Zoo’s No. 1 adult volunteer, while top teen volunteer Luca Samuels contributed 356 hours.

Below L to R: Volunteer George Butler interacts with guests; a young visitor engages through the biofacts in the Visually Inclusive Program bag; and ZooGala co-chair Jayna Goedecke, honorary chairs Larry and Phyllis Wojciechowski, and co-chairs Stewart Jones and Amanda Hawkins. Right page: ZooSchool lessons in the butterfly pavilion.



NATIONAL HONOR

Spire ZooSchool won the 2019 Award for Significant Achievement in Educational Programming, the top educational honor in the nation given by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. The program’s design, conservation promotion, and innovation were recognized in the weeklong sessions that drew over 500 seventh-graders to the Zoo where conservation was integrated into language arts, science, tech, and math lessons. ZooSchool is supported by grants from Spire and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency with additional support from foundations and individuals.

TRAINING



OPOSSUM

Olivia, the Virginia opossum, now allows staff to peep into her pouch so they can watch joeys' grow, monitor for issues, and count the youngsters. This year's result was eight healthy joeys.



ORANGUTAN

Zoo staff worried that Sumatran orangutan Oliver would need a root canal. They trained him to hold his mouth open at a special port so they could capture dental radiographs without anesthesia. Results showed he did not need the procedure.



RHINO

Ajabu, a southern white rhino, had a small, two-inch crack on the tip of her horn. With training, she allowed staff to trim her horn which stopped the crack from spreading.



BLACK BEAR

American black bears shed their thick, shaggy winter coats each year. But Bety's coat tends to mat, preventing shedding. Thanks to training, Bety now presses her back and sides against a mesh, so staff can remove the mats and apply leave-in conditioner.



MONKEY

Huey, the De Brazza's monkey, has Chagas' disease. His training allows him to willingly participate in blood draws that enable veterinary staff to carefully monitor his condition.



TOUCANS

Animal Ambassadors Java and Serta, both green aracarís, learned to fly without tethers and can now fly freely as part of the conservation message of the Zoo's UAB Callahan Eye Hospital Wildlife Stage shows.



GIRAFFE

Getting a 15-foot-tall giraffe to stand calmly while having a pedicure can be precarious. With training, Willow now voluntarily rests her hoof on an elevated block to permit veterinary staff to inspect and apply conditioner.

EVENTS

ZooRun 2019

More than 600 people participated in ZooRun, raising over \$19,000 for Global Conservation Corps (GCC). Organized by the Birmingham Chapter of the American Association of Zoo Keepers, every registration paid for one child's experience in Future Rangers, a program of GCC and Timbavati Game Reserve in South Africa, inspiring children from rural areas to consider ranger careers.

Dream Night at the Zoo

For many years, the Zoo has partnered with Children's of Alabama to provide Dream Night, an evening when patients and their families can experience encounters with the Zoo's Animal Ambassadors and talks with Zoo staff. The event is sponsored by McKinney Capital/Landscape Workshop.

'Tails in the Trails

The Zoo's Junior Board raised more than \$100,000 through its 'Tails in the Trails' event for improvements to the flamingo habitat. This year's function was presented by Blair Exteriors & Commercial Roofing and featured sponsors BB&T and Raymond James, drawing more than 600 guests. With the completion of the expansive flamingo exhibit in 2019, the board is shifting its focus now to raising funds for a new cougar/bobcat habitat.

Zoo, Brews & Full Moon Bar-B-Que

This fifth annual family-friendly event was held in June with sample drinks from 39 breweries from all over the United States, food from sponsor Full Moon Bar-B-Que, rides on the Red Diamond Express train, animal greetings, walkabouts, and special children's activities.

Boo at the Zoo

The Zoo transformed into "Spidermania" for 18 nights in October. Greeted by Marvel superheroes, costumed guests of all ages shivered with delight during the creepy-crawly adventure, which included orb-weaver spiders, trick-or-treating in the Alabama Wilds, Ghoul School, and a Monster Mash dance in the Children's Zoo. Bat Chats explained these amazing flying mammals' abilities. The event was presented for the ninth year by Wells Fargo with featured sponsors Publix Super Market Charities and Spire.

ZooLight Safari

More than a million lights twinkled during ZooLight Safari, presented by Wells Fargo and sponsored by Spire. Festivities included caroling with Singing Santa, rides on the Jingle Bell Carousel and Candy Cane Train, drops down a Polar Plunge Slide, posing for photos with 15-foot inflatable polar bears, and reindeer games at Henley Park.

CELEBRATE

The Birmingham Zoo's skilled and attentive care to its residents has no greater testament than this year's birthdays of its venerable elders.

TADPOLE turned 41 this year.

He has already surpassed the average lifespan of hippos in human care by five years.

OLIVER celebrated his 39th birthday this year. He is the second oldest male Sumatran orangutan in the Association of Zoos and Aquariums/North America (AZA). In 2015, he was diagnosed with heart disease, which is common in great apes. He had an implantable loop recorder (ILR) placed in 2017 to continuously record his heart rhythm, and became the only orangutan in North America with an ILR.

DINO, a yellow-backed duiker, turned 22 years old — several years beyond the species' 18- to 20-year life expectancy under human care. Dino is one of the oldest male duikers at any of the 240 AZA institutions.



special thanks
to our 2019 VOLUNTEERS

teen volunteers

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in Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ireland II
in Honor of Nancy Goedecke
in Honor of Karen Carroll
in Honor of Stewart Jones
in Honor of Hunter Crawford
in Honor of David M. Loper
in Honor of Libba Denney
in Honor of Walker Jones
in Honor of Carole Resnick, for your love of all
things feathered and furry!
in Honor of Wally Nall III
in Honor of Sam Morrow
in Honor of Shiloh Kirkpatrick
in Honor of Philippe Lathrop
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in Memory of Herbert S. Harvill

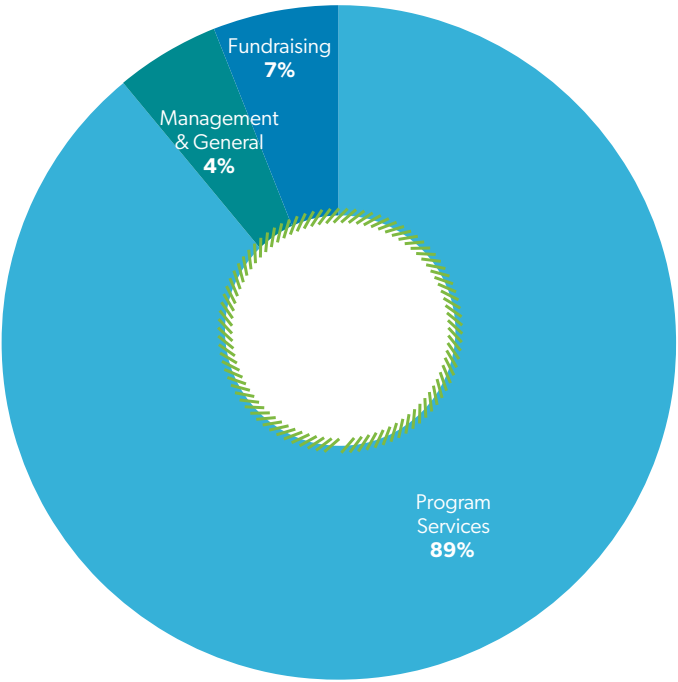
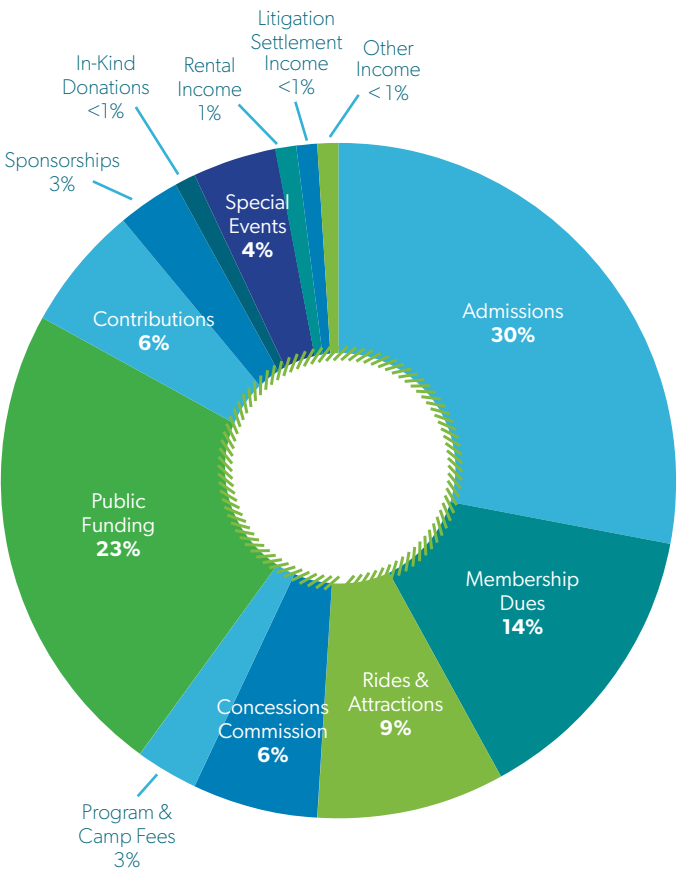


Volunteer Susan Alexander
leads a class



Emil the
southern cassowary

FINANCIALS
statement of activities



CHANGES IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Support and Revenues

Table with 3 columns: Category, Amount, and Percentage. Rows include Admissions (30%), Membership Dues (14%), Rides and Attractions (9%), Concessions Commission (6%), Program and Camp Fees (3%), Public Funding (23%), Contributions (6%), Sponsorships (3%), In-Kind Donations (<1%), Special Events (4%), Rental Income (1%), Litigation Settlement Income (<1%), and Other Income (<1%). Total Support and Revenue is \$17,833,365.

Net Assets Released from Restriction \$6,342,730

Total Support and Revenue \$17,833,365

Expenses

Table with 3 columns: Category, Amount, and Percentage. Rows include Program Services (89%), Management & General (4%), and Fundraising (7%). Total Expenses is \$12,218,141.

Increase in Net Assets without Donor Restrictions \$5,615,224

CHANGES IN ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Table with 3 columns: Category, Amount, and Percentage. Rows include Contributions (\$896,283), Net Assets Released from Restriction (\$6,342,730), Change in Net Assets with Donor Restrictions (\$5,446,447), Increase in Net Assets (\$168,777), Net Assets at Beginning of Year (\$39,417,177), and Net Assets at End of Year (\$39,585,954).

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